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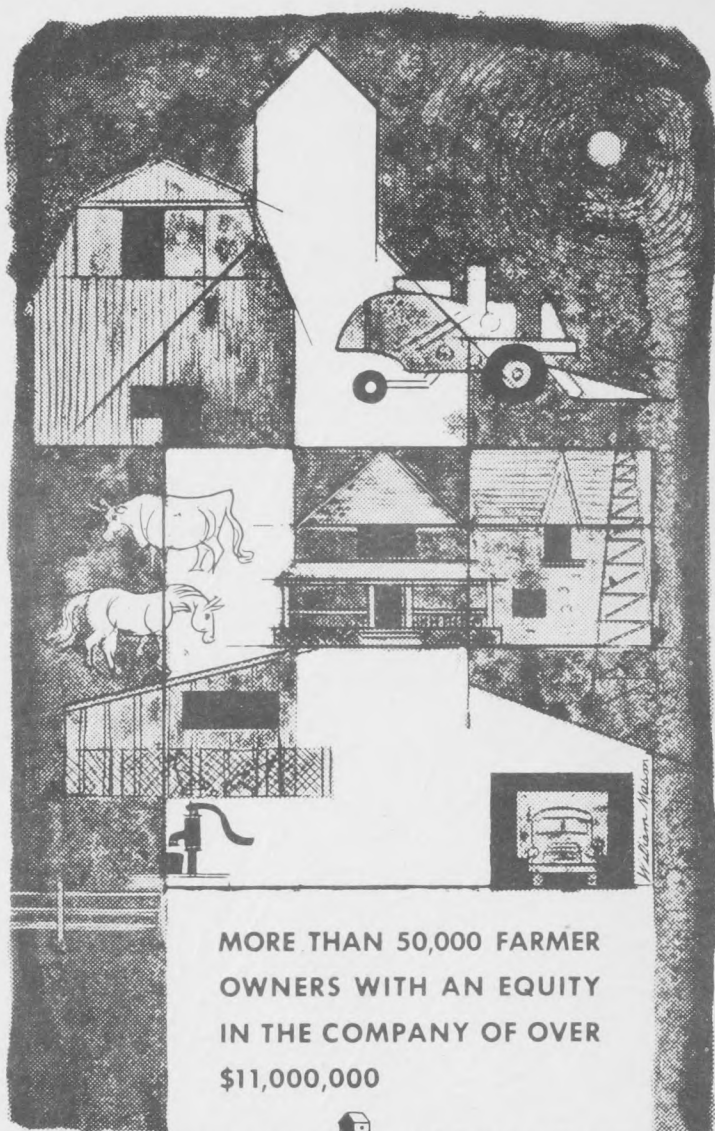
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Welcome Delegates

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PROPOSED AGENDA

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th:

8:30 a.m.—Registration.

9:45 a.m.—O Canada — Official Opening: Provincial Pres. R. R. Usick

10:00 a.m.—Address of Welcome — City of Winnipeg.

His Worship Mayor Stephen Juba.

10:10 a.m.—(a) Election of Chairman and two Co-Chairmen.

(b) Ratification of: 1. Credentials Committee.

2. Resolutions Committee.

3. Nominations Committee.

(c) Adoption of Agenda.

(d) Status of Visiting Members.

10:30 a.m.—Annual Report of the President - Mr. R. R. Usick.

11:20 a.m.—Annual Report of the Women's President - Mrs. R. Aitken

11:50 a.m.—Introduction of the Board of Directors' Report

2nd Vice-President - Mr. Edwin Dalglish.

12:00 a.m.—Annual Report of the Junior President - Mr. J. A. Palmer.

12:20 p.m.—Discussion: Adoption of Presidents' Reports.

12:30 p.m.—Noon Adjournment.

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AFTERNOON SESSION — DECEMBER 5th:

- 2:00 p.m.—Annual Report of the 1st Vice-President —
Mr. H. J. Andresen.
- 2:30 p.m.—Resolutions.
- 3:30 p.m.—Greetings from the Government of Manitoba —
Hon. George Hutton, Minister of Agriculture.
- 4:00 p.m.—Annual Report of the 1st Women's Vice-President —
Mrs. Margaret Oliver.
- 4:20 p.m.—Discussion, Adoption, of 1st Vice-Presidents' Reports.
- 4:30 p.m.—Resolutions.
- 5:15 p.m.—Nominations for President; Women's President; Junior
President; (Report of Provincial Nominations Committee
precedes all nominations for Provincial Officers — Mr. J.
F. Perkins, Chairman).
- 5:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION — DECEMBER 5th:

- 7:30 p.m.—Address by: Mr. Frank Syms, Pres., Co-op Union of Man.
"How should Co-operatives in Manitoba fit into the Farm
Organization Structure?"
- 8:00 p.m.—Address by: Mr. Ismail Elbagouri, of Egypt, Post-Graduate
Student at the University of Manitoba — "Agricultural and
Economic Conditions in Egypt".
- 8:30 p.m.—Address by: Mr. A. A. Franklin, President, Manitoba Fed-
eration of Labor — "Labor's Role in the Community".

WEDNESDAY — DECEMBER 6th:

- 9:00 a.m.—Notice of Constitutional Amendments.
- 9:15 a.m.—Income Tax Department Report — Mr. Art Wheeler, Mgr.
- 9:35 a.m.—Financial Report: Mr. J. N. Galonsky, Secretary-Treasurer.
Discussion; Adoption, Appointment of Auditors.
- 10:00 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 11:00 a.m.—Introduction of Principles; Constitution & By-Laws - NFU,
Mrs. Beth Crewson, 2nd Women's Vice-President.
- 11:30 a.m.—Annual Report of the National Farmers Union,
Mr. Alf. P. Gleave, Chairman.
- 12:15 p.m.—Special Report: Dept. of Agriculture, Extension Service,
Mr. A. Austman, Assistant Director — "This Business
of Farming".
- 12:30 p.m.—C.B.C. Farm Broadcast.
- 1:00 p.m.—Noon Adjournment.

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- 2:00 p.m.—Resolutions; Policy Statements.
- 2:30 p.m.—Elections of President; Women's President; Junior President.
- 3:00 p.m.—Address by: Dr. Helen Abell, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa—
"Rural People — Their Satisfactions and Their Problems".
- 3:30 p.m.—Nominations for 1st Vice-Presidents.
- 3:45 p.m.—Resolutions.
- 4:00 p.m.—Address: Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa.
- 5:00 p.m.—Board of Directors' Report: Questions; Discussion; Adoption.
- 5:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION — DECEMBER 6th:

- 7:00 p.m.—ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET:
Marlborough Hotel.
Greetings from United Grain Growers Ltd. —
Mr. A. M. Runciman, President.
Guest Speaker: Mr. Kenneth McGregor, Senior British Trade
Commissioner, Ottawa — "U.K. Entry into the European
Common Market and Its Implication on Canadian
Agriculture".

THURSDAY — DECEMBER 7th:

- 9:00 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 9:30 a.m.—Elections of 1st Vice-Presidents.
- 9:50 a.m.—Address by: Mr. W. C. MacNamara, Chief Commissioner,
Canadian Wheat Board.
- 10:20 a.m.—Constitutional Amendments.
National Farmers Union: Constitution & By-Laws.
- 10:50 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 11:30 a.m.—Nominations for 2nd Vice-Presidents.
- 11:40 a.m.—Resolutions.
- 12:30 a.m.—Noon Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION — DECEMBER 7th:

- 2:00 p.m.—Report on Hudson Bay Route Association,
Mr. J. S. Woodward, President.
- 2:20 p.m.—MFU Auto Insurance Pool: J. N. Galonsky, Chairman.
- 2:35 p.m.—Resolutions.
- 4:00 p.m.—Election of 2nd Vice-Presidents.
Election of Honorary Presidents (if required).
- 4:30 p.m.—Resolutions.
- 5:30 p.m.—Unfinished Business.
- 6:00 p.m.—"THE QUEEN"

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Report of Honorary Women's President

MRS. MARY McINTOSH

The opportunity to extend greetings and good wishes for a fruitful and successful Convention affords a very real pleasure.

Watching from the sidelines during the past year, it has seemed that whenever and wherever farm people needed a champion, the Manitoba Farmers Union was there to attack, defend or negotiate, as the circumstances required. The farmer's "watch dog" has been on the job.

It is true we do not win every time. The feed mills exemption from regulations by the Canadian Wheat Board is a current example. But such failures are due, not to weakness in the organization, but to the chronic short-term thinking of many farmers, and their fantastic ability to diversify farm policy almost as readily as they do farm produce, upon the advice of non-farm experts.

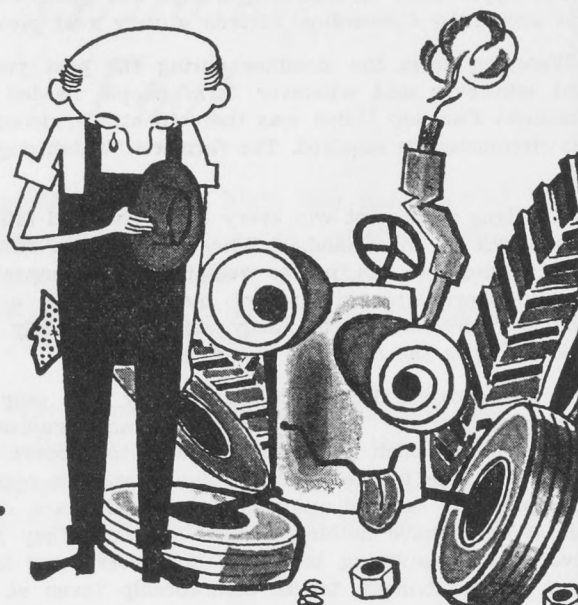
It was disappointing to learn recently that only 65 rural women were members of "Voice of Women", an organization working for World Peace, which last year we voted to support. Surely the MFU, which has been in the forefront of all action in opposition to the use and spread of nuclear weapons for several years, can do better than this! Women have nothing to gain by war. They have, in the past, never gained anything but grief and worry and loneliness. Not for them the excitement, travel, comradeship (even at the cost of their lives) which men describe as part of war conditions.

In any war there are no compensating features for either sex — only the horror and the loss; and in the event of another war, there is also the threat to the future of mankind. So let us work for peace, for progress, and for prosperity in the days ahead.

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President's Report

The eleventh year of operation of the Manitoba Farmers Union is now past history. We have already signed up several thousand farmers for the 1961-62 membership year — our twelfth year of organization.

Those delegates, officials and members who attended the organizational meeting in Portage la Prairie on January 31st, 1951, and who have taken an active part in the Farm Union since then, can be rightly proud of the Manitoba Farmers Union today.

We have succeeded where others have failed. We have succeeded even with organized opposition to our progress. We have succeeded because farmers know they need an organization — a farmers' organization that is prepared to fight on behalf of farmers, to protect their interests and gain a just and fair share of the national income for farmers.

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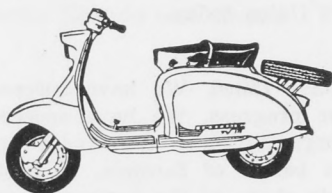
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And the Farmers Union is leading the way — and paving the road for future use!

Let us pause for a moment now at our Annual Convention and assess our position. What are our gains? What have our losses been? How strong are we to fight another battle tomorrow? Tired soldiers cannot give of their best if they have to fight anew each day. Yet there are many battles farmers have not yet fought.

Some farmers refuse to take part in the economic struggle for survival. Some even refuse to take part in Farm Union activities. But their numbers are dwindling. The problems today are too great to be ignored by the rank and file farmer.

One of our main problems today is the question, often asked: What can I do? What can the Farm Union do? The problem is too big, they say — a solution to the farm problem is not possible. It's too late!

Farmers have always had problems. And the basic problem has been one of continual change. Farmers have never been truly organized to attempt proper and continuing group action to solve their problems.

The Manitoba Farmers Union has made agricultural history in the farm movement in this province. Never in Manitoba's history has an organization like the Manitoba Farmers Union gained so many farmers as members on a direct annual dues-paying membership, on an overall provincial basis, and kept in existence such an organization for more than eleven years.

The lack of proper organization has been one of the farmers' main problems in the past. Even today, as we rest on our laurels and look forward to tomorrow, we must surely realize that the task of organizing the farmers, of building a sound financial base for your organization to work from, the handicap of engaging sufficient and skilled personnel to prepare the farmers' case — these are still problems with us.

We cannot be satisfied with the progress that has been made. The Farm Unions must grow ever larger, stronger, and more powerful.

In the interplay of power forces about us, we are still a weak voice — but a recognized voice. No longer can anyone ignore the Farm Union. But this is not enough. The farmers' problems are so grave that it is a question today of the survival of the family farm itself. When questions of "survival" arise drastic measures must be

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taken to avert disaster. Are our farmers prepared to make supreme sacrifices? The time is past due and the existing timetable does not allow for laggard farm organization existence. History is strewn with the debris of past farm organizations across Canada and in Manitoba, whose purposes of existence no longer served any need.

Only strong, active, aggressive farm organizations will survive in the future. Farmers have no time to waste on inactive or reactionary movements. Time is too precious today. The farmers of Manitoba chose to build and support the Manitoba Farmers Union eleven years ago. They have entrusted the heritage and leadership of the organization to you and I today. In the next three days you will be choosing the leadership and constructing the policy for the MFU to follow in the coming year. We dare not fail, for farmers everywhere are looking up to the Farm Union to lead the way in a sound constructive farm policy that will improve the lot of farmers everywhere.

Before the Manitoba Farmers Union can radically change the scope of its activities, and encompass a far greater field of endeavors regarding research and qualified technical assistance, a much broader financial base must be secured. Either membership should double in number, or membership fees must be raised. Barring no change in either of these, some supplementary form of cash income, such as deductions on the sale of farm produce, needs to be inaugurated.

Only when farmers demonstrate that not only are they willing to build a Farmers Union but also they are prepared to properly finance it, will the powers-that-be fully realize that farmers really mean business at last.

The only reason that a financial statement showing an excess of revenue over expenditure is possible this year is because of the generous donations towards our new office building — the personal sacrifices of Local, Sub-District, District and Provincial officials who donate their services freely or are paid only in part for their actual expenses — and the prudence of management of finances illustrated by our Secretary-Treasurer. Without a combination of these factors, a substantial deficit would have occurred in the past year.

The Manitoba Farmers Union, as a service organization to its members, has expanded and enlarged its activities. The MFU newspaper, "The Voice of the Farmer", the MFU Income Tax Service, the MFU Grievance Department at Head Office, the Expansion of the MFU Committee Structure on Hogs and Cattle, the MFU Radio Program, Farm Women's Week, the MFU Auto Pool with the Co-operative Fire and Casualty Insurance Company — have all increased their activities. This has cost us money, but our members are demanding more and more services.

Beyond the immediate prospect as a continuing service organization, we have some pertinent decisions to make in the broader field of farm policy:

Convention Greetings

We are happy to extend our best wishes to those who will be attending the 11th Annual Convention of the Manitoba Farmers Union and to congratulate this organization upon the energetic efforts it is making to improve conditions in prairie agriculture.

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2. If the government reneges on a policy of acreage payments this calendar year, what instruction on policy action will you give to our Board of Directors?

3. Do the cream producers favor a reduction in butterfat support prices, as suggested by a special committee of the Dairy Farmers of Canada and the CFA?

4. If farmers desire to regain their bargaining power on farm products, will they support the establishment of producer-controlled marketing boards?

5. Is the time ripe for the establishment of a Co-op Meat Packing Plant in Manitoba?

6. What action will be taken by the Justice Department in Ottawa on the Report of the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission concerning the Meat Packing Industry, and the acquisition of Wilsil Limited and Calgary Packers Limited by Canada Packers Limited?

7. Will the \$250 million set aside in annual allocations under the Agricultural Stabilization Act be used, or will it be a glittering gem in the Federal Government's diadem, out of reach and untouchable by farmers?

There are so many other aspects and problems that could be listed here — but then you, the delegates, will be discussing these very matters as you lay down policy in the next three days.

The work and achievements of the organization for 1961 would of itself take many pages. In a special report I sent out in October to all officials at Local, District and Provincial levels, there were 44 achievements of the Manitoba Farmers Union recorded. This is an all-time high for any one year. If time permits, perhaps we can have a question period discussing certain aspects of these achievements.

Before closing, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those people who helped make the Manitoba Farmers Union successful in the past year. The loyal Head Office staff worked hard and long to ensure our success. It was a pleasure to work with them. To the MFU Officials at all levels of organizations, I wish to thank you sincerely. This organization could not exist if it was not for the sacrifices of people at all levels giving gladly of their time and talents. These people are truly the real strength of the Farm Union.

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Report of Women's President

Last year the delegates at the Provincial Convention elected me as their Women's President. It follows, therefore, that this is the first opportunity I have had to report to you in this official capacity.

I have considered it a privilege to act on your behalf, and I have tried to carry out the responsibilities of the office to the very best of my ability.

During the past year, farm people have endured many disappointments. Not the least of these was caused by the exceptionally poor crops in many areas of the province. This, coupled with an unsatisfactory price for limited production, has resulted in increased hardships for a large portion of our farm population. Your Farm Union has been, and still is, aware of these factors and will continue to work to improve economic conditions on the farm front.

However, as an organization, we will only be as effective as our membership warrants. We must continue to build our organization and to increase our membership until we can truthfully say we represent a majority of the farm people of Manitoba. We must be supported by those people to the fullest extent. By "support" I mean, members should attend Local meetings, be prepared to accept office and to support those members who do serve officially. Only in this way can you obtain the most from your Farm Union.

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Again this year, Farm Women's Week was held at the University of Manitoba. Our attendance was up somewhat from the previous year, but we must strive to increase it even further. I do not think we should be satisfied until we have at least one (and more if possible) representative from each Local. Farm Women's Week, I believe, is an important part of Farm Union work. Here the ladies meet, discuss problems pertinent to farm life, and try to arrive at solutions to those problems. The resolutions passed this year will be presented to the delegates of this Convention, for their approval or rejection.

Many resolutions passed at Farm Women's Week have become part of the policy of this organization, pointing out the fact that women can, and do, play an important part in the Manitoba Farmers Union.

With the end of the Farm Union year, and at this our Annual Convention, must come the yearly reports from those whom you have entrusted with offices in the organization.

The following are my activities since last year's Convention:

1. Spent 8 days at Leadership and Policy Schools held in Brandon.
2. Two days at the National Conference on Farm Policy Research in Winnipeg.
3. Attended the luncheon extended to all Manitoba Members of Parliament during the Christmas recess.
4. Was present when the MFU Annual Brief was presented to the Provincial Cabinet and all political parties.
5. Attended a meeting between representatives of our organization and the Horned Cattle Fund Directors.
6. Spent 4 days in Ottawa during February, where the National Farmers Union brief was presented to the Cabinet and all political groups. We also met with Labor Union executive members at this time.
7. In March, with three other Farm Union representatives, all women, I spent a day at the Conference on Education, held this year in Brandon.
8. With Mrs. Smart and Mrs. McLaren of Ochre River, I appeared on Yorkton TV in an effort to promote Farm Women's Week — and the organization.

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PROGRAM CONTENT

Monday,	Jan. 15	— Beef Cattle	— feeders, cow-calf, markets.
Tuesday,	Jan. 16	— Beef Cattle	— feeding, housing, management.
Wednesday,	Jan. 17	— Field Crops	— land use, varieties, seed cleaning.
Thursday,	Jan. 18	— Field Crops	— weeds, tillage, special crops.
Friday,	Jan. 19	— Farm & Home	— water systems, kitchens, beautification.

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Deputy Minister

9. Was able to attend one Local Farm Women's Day in Laurier, but regret that due to weather conditions was unable to be present at the one held at Ochre River.

10. Helped prepare the program for, and attended, 6 Leadership Schools and 5 Fall Rallies.

11. With the planning necessary, and the four days taken by the program, Farm Women's Week consumed a full week.

12. Along with the Vice-President, I took part in 5 District Conventions.

13. Attended all Provincial Board meetings, Executive meetings, and NFU Board meetings.

14. In July, along with other Provincial Board members, I attended the Joint Board meeting of the 5 provincial Farm Unions — held this years in Winnipeg.

15. To date, November 14th, I have had 2 series of meetings this fall, each of one week's duration. Earlier in the year I had several Local meetings. Again I must report that I have visited Locals where no women were in attendance. May I urge the ladies to support their farm organization in a more active way?

My congratulations are extended to the MFU Locals which are classed as "200" and "300" Clubs this year. In these areas the members are deserving and receiving special credit for a task well done. However, we must not forget that many other areas are putting a great deal of effort into their work, and that work may be more difficult where it is not yet the accepted thing to belong to the MFU. May your efforts eventually bring rich rewards and obtain for the farm people economic security.

Before closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those people who have worked so hard to make the Manitoba Farmers Union successful during the past year. To those people who took me into their homes and treated me as one of the family, a special "thank you". It was people such as these that made possible whatever work I was able to do on the Local level.

To MFU officers on all levels of the organization, to members of our office staff, who supported me beyond the call of duty, my most sincere appreciation. It has been a pleasure working with each of you.

To the delegates at this, the eleventh Annual Convention, I wish you success in your deliberations. May the decisions you reach in the following days prove to be of benefit to all.

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Report of Junior President

Once again it is "Convention" time for our organization and, of course, the annual report. I give my report for 1961 with considerable misgiving. I must say that I am quite disappointed in the progress of the "Junior Branch". Since the Constitution was amended to appoint a Junior President it is assumed there must have been a basic need for such. We know that for this amendment to carry, a majority vote of the delegates was necessary. With the results of our earnest endeavors for an active Junior Branch at hand, I feel quite certain — were a provincial membership vote taken — votes in our favor would be in the minority.

At this moment it would be interesting to know how many persons here today have made an effort to become familiar with the Constitution of the Junior Branch of the Manitoba Farmers Union and to bring its effectiveness into being a fact!

I started off with considerable enthusiasm, feeling I was obliged to show some results for the honor of office bestowed upon me. On checking records, I had seven elected District Junior Directors out of twelve Districts; this was a good start. With the co-operation of Head Office, a Provincial Board Meeting of the Junior Branch was called

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for February of 1960, in Winnipeg. Attendance numbered three. This meeting was called for the purpose of installation of the Junior Board, discussion of the Constitution, and to plan our year's work. In due course the second meeting was called for the same purpose. Attendance at this meeting numbered two, one of whom was acting as stand-in for the District Junior Director. At this meeting one District Junior Director accounted for his absence by submitting his written resignation. To have a full slate of officers is not enough — they must also be active and fulfill the duties allotted to them.

So many people do not have the vaguest idea what the Junior Branch consists of — or for which purpose it is to serve. The Junior President of the Alberta Farmers Union informs me their Junior Branch is the greatest asset to their young people after they have left school and are out of the 4-H groups.

To start with, a constructive program was needed: I drew up one which I felt answered almost all questions, including preliminary instructions as to application procedure for a Junior Branch in the District Local. I might mention at this time — aside from basic help from successful Junior Branches in adjoining provinces — all literature pertaining to Junior Branch work has been submitted to Head Office for their approval prior to dispatch. There was no response to the basic program. A lot of the reason for this I believe is the disregard for surplus correspondence by Local leaders who have a full agenda and push this program (which they themselves asked for) to the side. I also spent considerable time and thought in the compiling of a basic Constitution, sanctioned by the Provincial Board February 2, 1961. Copies of this too were sent out to all Directors and Locals, with the same negative reaction.

Some letters received carried the common viewpoint (at a late date I might indicate): "We cannot afford a Junior Branch"; and the statement, "The young people are too busy". When presenting my proposed

Junior Constitution to the Provincial Board there were channels there too of the Junior Branch subject of discussion costing too much. If we haven't the time — or money — or the energies — to support the Junior Branch and make it an active one, basic elections are indeed futile.

Alberta, for example, allows from two to three thousand dollars annually to finance their Junior Branch. To date, no monies have been allowed for the support of our MFU Junior Branch, although I have not been refused travelling expenses for myself or District Junior Directors to attend meetings. This is a factor for your consideration.

My basic tour of obligation is past and it is not my responsibility nor my desire to say what should or should not be done to alleviate a very biased situation which would wilt the determination of the staunchest member. I have endeavored to serve you to the best of my ability and I sincerely regret that our Junior Branch has not made greater gain. I cannot truthfully say we have made none — but indeed we could have made more.

In closing I would like to thank President Usick, the Provincial Board, the personnel of Head Office, and those District personnel who have given me support and encouragement in my tour of duty. For personal reasons, I regret I will not be in a position to accept nomination for the coming year.

In general, I feel the Manitoba Farmers Union has many achievements to its credit. For the present and for the future, I wish you the very best.

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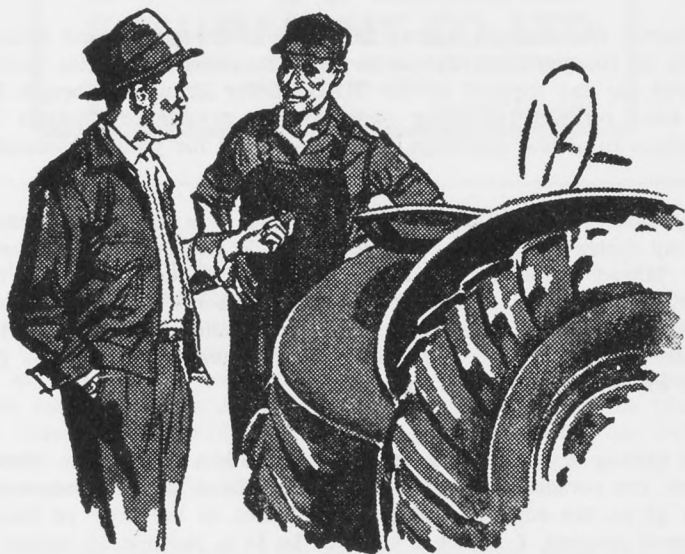
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Report of Vice-President

Once again the time has rolled around for the MFU officials to report to you at the Annual Convention, our eleventh. It is with pleasure that I present my third report as Vice-President. This past year we have endeavored to comply with your wishes, and to improve the status of the Manitoba Farmers Union in the eyes of all people.

The membership standing of 18,967 at our fiscal year-end, just completed, is an overall increase of almost 900 members above last year's enrolment. Our people at the Local, Sub-District and District levels have once more done a good job. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

Congratulations are in order also to the "300", "200" and 90% Locals to whom were presented membership plaques. This is a special achievement of itself. But there still is a lot of work left to do in many of our Locals and in parts of the province untouched yet.

Our membership standing would have been much higher than it is had all the outstanding requisitions been honored by the farmers who signed them. We hope in the coming year that all requisition holders will honor their requisitions. But to those who have no intention of meet-

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ing this obligation, we ask that they please pay their Farm Union membership in cash, and cancel the requisition. Requisitions not adhered to are of little value.

At this Convention you will be asked to review a proposed Constitution and By-Laws for the National Farmers Union. It is of utmost importance that the Constitution define the Federal and Provincial functions of the provincial sections and the parent bodies in the NFU.

We have not been able to establish a permanent office in Ottawa because of lack of finances. I feel the time has come when it is a "must" that we bend every effort, and find ways and means to finance a permanent federal office that will serve, not just the interests of farmers and Farm Unions, but the Canadian people as a whole.

This year again you will find a Directors' Report which deals quite fully with the actions and activities of your Board of Directors. Therefore there is no need for me to report on policy.

I would like to touch on a few improvements within our organization this past year:

We are very proud of the new home we have acquired. There was some doubt in some people's minds as to how we would finance such an undertaking but you know the old saying: Where there's a will, there's a way. Our members, and others as well, certainly proved there was a way when in the first seven months, after purchase of the MFU home, they sent in donations which fell only a few thousand dollars short of reaching the half-way mark. Indications are that this trend will continue. It is hoped that the donations will grow in volume so that in this coming year we can write off the total cost of the building. It is my sincere wish that the Manitoba Farmers Union may continue to grow to the point where, in the near future, we will have to double our present office space.

The new improved Commodity Committee structure, which was incorporated into our organization this past year, should be of great value also. This structure should create more interest and activity at all levels of our organization, and more so at the Local level. This should come about because we have more people with responsible positions. This will enable the Committees and the Board of Directors to get much closer to the root of all problems revolving around the production of the various commodities.

Our Car and Truck Insurance Pool has not yet reached its minimum objective. This is a service which the members of the Manitoba Farmers Union asked for, and unless the membership as a whole is prepared to put every effort into the service it will be of little benefit. It is only going to be as good as you make it. This is certainly an opportunity for farmers to save themselves considerable money on car and truck insurance.

For the past eleven years, farmers have been looking forward to a program that would enable them to obtain cost of production, or parity, for most of their production. As yet we haven't reached this goal. Had we been getting cost of production, or parity, on our production these past ten years, we wouldn't have to ask our government for assistance to meet the cash shortage caused by climatic conditions this past year. For many years now we have been setting up machinery through which we hoped to realize greater returns for our farm production. To some extent we have been successful, but our measure of success could have been much greater.

I believe the time has come when we, as farmers, must seriously analyze our position as a group and decide what kind of machinery we need so that we can realize the most out of our production. What is the answer?

Are our present farmer-owned marketing, processing and retailing organizations not working properly? If not, why not?

Are we going to continue to operate under present conditions? Or are we prepared to do our share to support a program through which we, as farmers, can get fair returns on our investments? To achieve this goal we must have unity and understanding. Then, and then only, can we come forward with a constructive and clear-cut program that will control our products in such a way as to enable the producers to realize a just return and, at the same time, make available to the consumers quality products at fair prices. There is only one way this can be achieved and that is through the fullest co-operation from everyone concerned, so that our organizations dealing in the commercial field will confine their efforts to this field only, leaving the general agricultural policy field to a direct, membership organization, such as the Manitoba Farmers' Union.

To accomplish this, we must set up a program.

First of all, we should acquaint ourselves with agricultural marketing legislation as to jurisdiction and operation between Dominion and provincial Acts. Should this legislation not be satisfactory, then it would be our duty to impress upon our governments that there are changes needed to enable us to set up marketing, processing, packaging, retailing units without any interference either federally or provincially.

The next step would be to adopt a parity price principle for all agricultural products.

The Farm Unions should refrain from entering commercial fields, but should take leadership in creating overall food processing plants — incorporated, owned and operated by producers for processing and packaging agricultural products. Realizing that this would require considerable finances, I would suggest that the Federal Government should help finance this undertaking, along with the producers and perhaps our co-op credit society.

The marketing of such processed and packaged produce should be done through the consumer co-op facilities as first choice, the balance of our produce to go through existing channels or distributing agencies. The co-op consumer movement should confine their activities to merchandising only, as far as agricultural products are concerned, so as not to help precipitate vertical integration in agriculture.

There would be considerable work involved in such an undertaking but there is no doubt in my mind that this is a "must". Other people, who process and manufacture the commodities that we require in our everyday living and farming operations, have integrated to the extent where they can control the price of their products to us. So, for agricultural producers (in other words, farmers) to be competitive, they must take steps to enable them to control the price of their own products. We cannot continue to act as individualists. We must put every effort into unifying our endeavors and then only can we achieve our goal.

My activities in the Manitoba Farmers Union over the past year are briefly listed here:

I was present at the following presentation of briefs — National Farmers Union to the Federal Cabinet, Liberal, CCF Parties, Agricultural Committee in Ottawa — MFU brief to the Provincial Cabinet, Liberal, CCF and met with the Social Credit MLA — Manitoba Milk Control Board — Board of Grain Commissioners — Canadian Wheat Board re feed mills — Manitoba Agriculture Committee re margarine.

Attended committee meetings with the Department of Agriculture regarding feed and fodder assistance, water, and other matters pertaining to the past year's drought.

Five days at National Farmers Union Board meetings.

Manitoba Farmers Union Executive Board meetings, 11 days. Committee meetings, 14 days. Local meetings, 60 days. This included canvassing. Brandon Policy School, 2 days. Days in MFU Office, 32. National Farmers Union Joint Board Conference, Winnipeg, 3 days. District Conventions, 5 days. Leadership Schools, 6 days. District Rallies, 5 days.

This past year has been a very busy one, but it has been a pleasure to act on your behalf. I want to thank our Presidents, Executive, Board of Directors, officials, members, and the office staff for the co-operation they have shown throughout the year. Whoever your Vice-President will be for the coming year I am sure he can look forward to the same co-operation.

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Report of Women's Vice-President

As the year draws to its close, annual reports are in order for your organization — a summing up of progress or failure, an assessment of the value our Union represents to the membership. It is the time too, when the membership decides what is best for the MFU and formulates the policies to be followed by the elected officials.

Ever since agriculture first began in Canada, farmers have from time to time become extremely discontented, which has resulted in them periodically joining together to form organizations on the assumption that "In Union there is strength" and success is attained in proportion to unity of purpose. The reason for the creation of our organization was to improve the position of the farmer in the general economy. This must be our prime concern and we should not be deterred from this objective. This is your responsibility. Conflicting policies and vague resolutions should have no place here.

With an ever-increasing number of Farm Union policies being accepted in the form of legislation, it is even more important that delegates weigh the merits of each resolution carefully before endorsing it as provincial policy for the organization. Aristotle says: "If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost".

In a speech to the Canadian Club of Montreal, Mr. Vincent Massey, Canada's former Governor-General, had this to say of Canadians generally: "We are becoming so conscious of certain differences which we accept, and which need not in any way affect the management of our common concerns, that we tend to avoid all argument. We are apt to avoid argument over those matters which need to be resolved by discussion — friendly but frank and vigorous, by debate with no quarter given on either side . . . We are in grave danger of confusing debate and argument with quarrel and dispute. The error is a serious one. Honest and frank and fair debate is not a prelude to a quarrel but the alternative to it. Toleration is not indifference and is not timid; it is the fruit of an honest clearing of differences."

Mr. Massey has put his finger squarely on a fault which I believe exists in our Farm Organization today; if it is allowed to go unchecked, it will develop into a serious weakness. I hope the delegates at this Convention will bear this in mind and through free and frank discussion evolve a vigorous policy for the Farmers Union.

My activities for the past year are as follows: Full time attendance at the Advanced Leadership School at the Agricultural Extension Centre at Brandon in December. I was present when the Annual Brief was submitted to the Provincial Cabinet and to each political party as well. Attended when the presentation was made to the Wheat Board by the National Farmers Union in February regarding the Feed Mill Exemptions.

Five days were spent in Brandon taking part in the Farm Policies Course. I might say here that I found both the Leadership School in December and the Farm Policies Course, the best opportunities we as a farm organization have, to come in contact with people who have spent years in the sociological, economic and technological aspects of agriculture.

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I attended the second Manitoba Conference on Education held at Vincent Massey School in Brandon.

In June, I had the pleasure of spending four days at the University, where Farm Women's Week was held. It was very gratifying to have a larger attendance this year.

Eight days in all have been spent at Provincial Board meetings.

Four days were spent in Committee meetings: (1) In preparation for Farm Women's Week; In preparing a report for F W W regarding a separate women's group; (2) In helping prepare a Brief to the Royal Commission on National Health Services.

I attended the National Farmers Union Joint Board Conference held in Winnipeg in July, which consumed 3 days.

Attended two District 6 Board meetings and District 6 Wind-Up Convention. Attended five Leadership Schools in March.

During June — five District Conventions; and in October, four District Rallies.

On September 25th, the Board of Directors of Voice of Women presented a brief to Prime Minister Diefenbaker recommending a "World Peace Year in 1962". This brief was also presented to representatives of each Provincial Government by provincial members of V. of W. The Provincial Board of the MFU was represented by five of its members. I felt it a privilege to be one of these.

One day was spent canvassing on Target Day, October 23rd.

I wish to express my appreciation of all the help and co-operation extended to me, by officials, members and office staff during this past year.

In closing, I wish you all a successful Convention, and may all your decisions be made thoughtfully, for a better and more prosperous Agricultural Industry.



EDWYN DALGLIESH

Report of 2nd Vice-President

Greetings to the 11th Annual Convention of the Manitoba Farmers Union.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the opportunity of reporting to the delegates of this Convention on my activities during the past year — a year that has brought reward to some, and heartache to others. To most, 1961 has been a year of hot blazing sunshine and little rain — no pasture — a possibility of no feed for the coming year, and little or no grain. But somehow, in most areas, the wheat crop held on, and at least in a number of areas some wheat was harvested. Because the drought came early, every bit of fodder in the province has been put up, and at this date it would appear as though adequate fodder is available to bring basic herds through the winter.

The officials of your organization moved early, as drought appeared to be certain over large portions of Manitoba, enlisting all municipal, government and farm agencies to bring about emergency measures to ensure fodder and feed to save the basic herds in this province.

In most cases, all agencies co-operated to the fullest extent to help in the emergency. When your Provincial Board met in early July, they drafted a plan for presentation to the Federal and Provincial Governments and, following a two-hour meeting with Agricultural Minister George Hutton, we succeeded in having six points of a nine-point program put into operation almost at once.

On the Federal level we did not have the same success in securing aid for our cash-short farmers although the government did move to ensure that grain reserves were held back in the country by the Canadian Wheat Board.

To date, we have asked for an acreage payment this fall and, when drought damages were finally assessed by spring, we asked for drought payments to be made before seeding, 1962. This plan we are told is still being considered by Federal officials.

This year also marked a new era in MFU history. Namely, the purchase of a head office for our organization. I wish to congratulate you on this venture. Because, if it had not been for YOU, this would not have been possible. Your donations and your money in the form of buying shares in this office, has made it possible to pay a considerable amount on the purchase price of the building. However, we cannot rest — more money will be needed as soon as possible to complete the payments on the head office building in the next year or two.

This year I have been able to meet many more of you face to face in your own Locals, at the 50-odd meetings I held around the province. I wish to congratulate you on keeping your Locals going. Because this is the only way we know what you people are thinking on the grassroots level.

I also have attended 12 committee meetings in Winnipeg, serving as Chairman of the Livestock and Resolution Committees — Secretary of the Expansion of Commodity Committee System.

Your Livestock Committee, with the support of the Provincial Executive, presented a brief to the Advisory Board of the Horned Cattle Fund. We met with the Minister of Agriculture on two different occasions. We have sat in on all the discussions concerning the Brandon Packers Plant, and as Chairman of that Committee I attended the 10 District organization meetings expanding the Committee System with Cattle, driving 1500 miles in one week.

I have attended all 5 Provincial Board meetings — in all, 8 days. I also helped to represent you at the NFU founding convention in July.

As Chairman of your Resolutions Committee, I can say we have endeavored to set up the resolutions so they cover every idea set forth in the resolutions you submitted, although we were forced to combine resolutions wherever possible to avoid duplication.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as your 2nd Vice-President, and I thank you for the opportunity of gaining this very valuable experience and, the opportunity to assist in a small way in making the Manitoba Farmers Union truly the "Voice of the Farmer".

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MRS. BETH CREWSON

Report of Women's 2nd Vice-President

This is the first year I have had the privilege of reporting to the Annual Convention as your Women's 2nd Vice-President.

This year of drought and disappointment in our farming operations has made us more aware of the need to work closely together in our farm organization. Our motto of "United we stand, divided we fall" bears repeating over and over again, for on this hinges "the future we desire." I would like to emphasize the importance of each and every member in our organization. We are indebted to the people who come forward and offer their services in Leadership, but we need the full support of the membership in order that we might obtain the benefits that are so necessary for our farm families. Our various activities, such as our Commodity Committee Structure, the Auto Pool, and our Membership Drive, can only be as successful as the members' participation makes them.

So many of our communities today complain of the disease of "over-organization". We realize that many of these activities are necessary for the welfare of our community, but we must assess their value to our livelihood and proportion our time in order that the Farmers Union may be kept well maintained at every level of the organization. In this way, we can be the true "Voice of the Farmer".

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I have one recommendation I would like to make to the Convention. In the past, your Women's 2nd Vice-President has also been a District Director. The position of Director is a full-time job in itself, and leaves little opportunity to serve in the capacity of Vice-President. The organization requires all the assistance that each official can give, and by having a full-time Vice-President, I am sure that some of the pressure of work would be lessened for other officials.

My activities during the year just ended were as follows:

I attended 4 Provincial Board meetings and 4 Executive meetings.

I was present at the annual presentation of the MFU brief to all the political parties in the Provincial Legislature, as well as the presentation to the Horned Cattle Fund, Feed Mill issue, and the Board of Grain Commissioners' hearing in September.

In June, I had the privilege of spending 4 days at the University of Manitoba, where Farm Women's Week was held. The attendance was much improved and the program provided 4 full days of education, entertainment and fellowship.

I also had the experience of appearing on TV to comment on the films taken at FWW, and report on our women's activities.

I served on the Planning Committee for the National Farm Union Conference, which was held in Manitoba this summer, and this included preparations for the official opening of our new office.

During National Farm Union Week in November, I accompanied the Vice-President of the Farmers Union of Alberta, Clare Anderson, on 8 meetings to honor our "200" and "300" Clubs. It was a real pleasure for me to present these membership shields, and to meet these faithful and hard-working members who have striven so diligently to attain this honor for their Locals. We sincerely hope there will be more of these Clubs another year.

It is difficult to list my other activities, because they fall into the dual role category that I have been trying to fulfill, as Women's Director of District 4 and Women's 2nd Vice-President.

I have appreciated the privilege of serving in this Vice-Presidential office to which you elected me a year ago. It has been a real pleasure working with all of you. Special thanks to our Presidents, Officials and the staff of MFU for the co-operation they have shown throughout the year.

I wish you every success in your deliberations at this 11th Annual Convention. By continued efforts on the part of each and every member, I am sure we can attain greater justice for agriculture.

My sincere best wishes for the future.

MANITOBA FARMERS UNION

Board of Directors' Report

Year ended October 31, 1961

AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS

Ineffective application and administration of Agricultural Price Support legislation has continued to plague the western farm people, and has added to the confusion and instability of our agricultural economy.

Your MFU Board of Directors are most concerned over the continued pressures of the cost-price squeeze upon the farm community and the movement of farm people from the agricultural scene. Our major concern is that the disappearance of farmers from the land is not necessarily solving the so-called problem of inefficient or marginal farmers. Possibly in the majority of cases, it is the efficient younger farm operator who has become discouraged with agricultural policy and is leaving the farm. This, in our view, is not a good sign for the future of our industry.

Once again this year there is additional evidence that the farmer has been forced to produce more and more in order to meet his living and operating costs.

Those few grain producers in the province who have been fortunate enough to realize some crop this year are going to be able to sell their grain at higher prices, but generally speaking, the grain producers of our province are again the segment of the agricultural economy who have suffered a financial disaster due to the drought conditions this year.

The livestock producers, who early in the summer appeared to be in a similar situation, came out in a much more favorable position even though their costs of operation will be somewhat higher this year because of higher prices for feed and fodder. Your Board of Directors believe that the arguments used by some of our livestock producers, that grain prices are too high, are not valid, because it is our policy that all agricultural products should realize parity prices.

With this in mind, we believe that the solution to any problem of high feed prices is not reduction of grain prices at the cost of the grain producer alone, but rather an increase in livestock and poultry prices in order that all will be able to stay in business with a reasonable return for their products.

Poultry and turkey producers have experienced another bad year with unjustified low prices, and the administration of deficiency payments on eggs has again shown that the western producers have been discriminated against, while the eastern producer has been assured a fair price for eggs.

We are pleased to find that technical people across the nation agree that the Family Farm predominates in Canadian agriculture and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future.

The prediction for the long-range future of agriculture appears to be favorable with estimates of a required increase in output of 70 to 80 percent by 1980. However, our main concern at this time is the fact that unless favorable action is taken by our government IMMEDIATELY to overcome the basic problem of too-low prices for farm products at the farm gate, farmers will continue to rate in our economy as second-class citizens, without their fair share of the national income.

Technical and scientific assumptions indicate that the most critical period for agriculture will be the next five years and will not resolve itself sooner than ten years hence. In view of this, your Board of Directors declare that because of the continued importance of a continual supply of top quality food to the Canadian public and for the export market, it is the responsibility of our nation to assure the farmer full parity prices for his produce, and provide him with a standard of living comparable to others within the economy of Canada. Through such action, we are confident that our farmers will be in a position — not only to overcome the basic cost-price squeeze — but also at the same time, make the necessary adjustments required, because of technological changes in the agricultural industry.

The seriousness of the actual farm picture is clearly illustrated in the following statistics:

Table I

PRICE INDEX OF COMMODITIES & SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
— Western Canada —

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Cost	Farm Machinery	Equipt. and Materials	Taxes and Interest	Farm Wages	Farm Family Living
1956	248.9	209.8	211.1	189.8	518.4	206.6
1957	257.5	223.5	213.2	196.5	559.9	216.0
1958	263.6	236.0	216.9	200.5	581.0	219.2
1959	265.8	247.0	222.8	207.5	558.3	220.9
1960	272.9	252.8	227.5	214.6	576.2	222.1
1961 (April)*	231.2	259.2	230.1	214.6	624.6	225.0

*Preliminary

Source: D.B.S. Prices & Prices Index

Percentage increase in Costs, 1959-1961

13	23.1	9.1	13.1	20.4	8.9
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From Table I we have a clear indication of the continuous and pronounced increase in all of the factors which affect the farmers' cost of operation. Farm people generally are not engaged in the production of

agricultural products for the good of their health, but rather are in business to operate their farms to make a decent standard of living. To meet the competition of increased costs, there is only one solution, such as is practiced by other businesses — increased cash prices for our products.

Table II

FARM PRICE INDEX OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	June, 1961
227.0	222.4	231.1	240.6	229.1	223.1

In Table II you will note that the Farm Price Index in June, 1961, was actually 3.9 points lower than prices were in 1956, and 17.5 points below prices received in 1959. In first Table we have shown that there was a 13 percent increase in the overall composite cost index for the same period. This, in our view, is an outrageous condition and would not be tolerated by any other industry if it hoped to stay in business.

As mentioned earlier, our farm people have had to meet these unfortunate conditions with consistently higher production, which we clearly illustrated by facts in our Annual Submission to the Government of Manitoba for 1960 — and there is no reason to believe that the trend has changed this year.

Because of this pressure for increased production in order to meet financial requirements, small surpluses have resulted in some commodities. However, because of our recent experience of what could happen to so-called surpluses, as has happened with our grain position in a matter of three months, we sincerely hope that the word "surpluses" is not going to be used so loosely from now on.

It is the considered opinion of your Board of Directors that these conditions have prevailed over the years because farmers generally have taken a laissez-faire attitude with regard to their problems — always hoping that someone else will solve these problems for them. We believe the time has arrived when farmers themselves have to take a strong unified stand on Parity Prices and justice for the agricultural industry.

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ORGANIZATION

The first 11 years of progress and achievement within our Farm Union movement in the Province of Manitoba has now been recorded as agricultural history.

As we begin our second decade as an occupational farm organization, our members must stop to take a close scrutiny and evaluate the past, and plan for the future. We must not become lax in our objective of having the large majority of farm people in the province playing an active role in the policy program for Canadian agriculture.

Your Board of Directors are quite confident that all farmers have realized outstanding benefits through the constant negotiation and activities of our Farm Union movement. The organization remains as a guiding light towards preservation of our Family Farm and our Farm Family, so essential to the betterment and advancement of our democratic way of life in Canada.

A year ago, we honored our Tenth Anniversary and many of our charter members and officials. This year the program of recognition of those members who have paid continuous membership for ten years is being continued under the jurisdiction of the Local organizations or individual members themselves. This change has been approved by your Board of Directors because of the cost involved.

Your Provincial Board of Directors met on five occasions during the year and deliberated for eight days. Your Provincial Executive met on four occasions — all one-day meetings.

In the elections of District Officers and Provincial Board members last year, we had a unique situation wherein there were no changes in men Directors, but five new Women Directors came on the Board this year. Some had served on the Provincial Board previously, while others have served diligently in the Farmers Union at other levels of organization: In District 1, Mrs. John Chepil, Lenswood; District 5, Mrs. M. Markwart, Ashern; District 6, Mrs. Kae Dyck, St. Francois Xavier; District 7, Mrs. Grace Simpson, Melita; and District 8, Mrs. A. B. Foster, Somerset.

Due to the lengthy illness of her husband, Mrs. C. S. Smart, Woman Director for District 2 found it necessary to tender her resignation from office, which your Board accepted with regret. Mrs. N. C. McLaren, Ochre River, Alternate Director, now represents the District on the Provincial Board.

A complete listing of your Provincial, District and Sub-District officers is published elsewhere in this program.

In view of apparent criticism that the Provincial Board was too cumbersome and costly, and in order to facilitate a more evenly distributed Local representation in each of the Districts, re-organization of our

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District boundaries was finalized, which reduced the number of Districts from twelve to ten. Special wind-up conventions were held in former Districts 6, 11 and 12 and elected delegates attending these conventions gave final approval to this change and to disbursement of District funds. Since most of the funds held in these District organizations were allocated to the MFU Building Fund, your Board of Directors take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks to these Districts for their kind contributions. At the same time, since the change resulted in the reduction of representation on the Provincial Board, we also wish to express our appreciation to the former District Directors, Mr. Ralph, Rowan, Elkhorn, District 6; Mrs. Irene Franklin, Headingley, District 11; Mr. P. E. Penner, New Bothwell and Mrs. E. Grienke, Steinbach, District 12 — who all served so capably in the organization.

Because of the structure of our organization, we are, at all times, able to change the concept of organizational and educational activity as required with changing conditions within the agricultural industry.

With the idea apparent among some people that specialized producers did not have an opportunity to express their views on policy matters through a general farm organization, and the trend towards further division of farm people through the organization of separate commodity organizations, your Board of Directors felt that this was a retrogressive step in farm organization. Last year's Annual Convention approved the expansion of our committee structure across the province, and during the year, your Board of Directors took proper action to implement the organization across the province for two specific commodity committees — one on hogs and one on cattle. Additional commodity committees will be started as required.

The success of this new program will have been assessed after our first series of organizational meetings held in November.

MEMBERSHIP

As mentioned earlier in our report, the trend away from the farm appears to be affecting many of our members across the province. Naturally, this movement of people has created some problem with our Local organizations and membership support. During the year, we have noted a further decrease in the number of Local organizations because of the fact that one or two Locals have amalgamated so as to form a more effective nucleus of Local organization.

This year we have had a favorable membership support across the province, and our membership standing for the fiscal year 1960-61 totalled 18,967, which is 878 members above last year's total. District membership standing is as follows:

District 1	1,235	District 6	1,932
District 2	2,619	District 7	1,229
District 3	2,129	District 8	2,364
District 4	1,959	District 9	1,654
District 5	2,099	District 10	1,747

The problem of membership collection continues to be a major obstacle towards a sound effective farm organization in Manitoba. We believe there is a definite need for an educational program among our Local officers for effective plans and co-ordination, with a view to having a proper campaign for membership canvass.

We have had clear evidence in the past year that when a well-planned membership canvass is made, very little effort on the part of any one individual on the Local level is required to do a complete and effective job. However, when no plans are made, the usual situation is that one or two people are required to do the job, thereby creating a heavy burden upon them.

Once again, we have given recognition to our larger and active Local organizations through presentation of plaques at meetings which were attended by out-of-province speakers.

Locals qualifying for the "200" Clubs were: Bowsman; Swan River; Grandview, Angusville; Oakburn; Plumas; Neepawa; Fisher Branch; Selkirk; Killarney; St. Claude; and Manitou. Locals qualified for the "300" Club were: Dauphin and Dominion City. This year, for the first time, we have received applications for membership in the "200" Clubs from Locals with 90 percent membership in their respective area; these were: Mowbray, Windygates and Oak Bluff.

We are sure that the delegates at our Eleventh Annual Convention will want to join us in extending our hearty congratulations to these active organizations for their continued support of the Farm Union movement, and at the same time give our unqualified appreciation and thanks to all of our Local and District officers and to those individual members who have contributed of their time and money to assist in making it possible for the MFU to have another successful year.

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MEMBERSHIP REQUISITIONS

This past year we have had the co-operation of all the major elevator companies in the processing of MFU membership requisitions.

Total requisitions in force for the year ended were 1,660, and during the year there were approximately 200 cancellations by farmers who had originally signed.

The requisition set-up, originally intended to be one which would save the membership collection costs, has resulted in a very burdensome and costly program.

There are still a number of requisitions held by farmers which have not been honored; there are 193 outstanding for 1959; 448 for 1960 — a total of 641 requisitions that have lapsed during the past two years. This is representative of over 1,000 members that were lost during this period.

Your Board is anxious that some order be restored in the requisition program, and that farmers who have signed these legal documents should either honor them or cancel them, so that we would know our position on this program.

To date, no action has been taken from the legal point of view to enforce collection of these requisitions, which would be quite in order. Your Board feels that such action would not be advisable as it would only create animosity among the elevator agents and the farmers. We would, however, suggest that unless there is a marked improvement in support and participation in this program by the farmers themselves, then we would deem it advisable to cancel the program in its entirety, as the cost of administration of these requisitions has not been justified.

For the 1961-62 membership year, we have made a few changes in the procedure of processing these requisitions. A Reminder Form has been printed which indicates the member's Requisition Number and Name. These forms are sent out to the agents to assist them in the membership deduction from grain deliveries. Also this year, we have received further co-operation from the elevator companies in that they have agreed that the agent shall make the deduction from the first grain delivery without first asking the requisition holder if he should do so. However, it has been agreed that should any farmer raise an objection with the agent, it would be in order to delay the deduction to a later delivery.

It is the considered opinion of your Board that farmers who have no intention of honoring these requisitions should not sign them in the first place. This program has been designed to curtail costs of membership collection, and not to increase them, as has been the experience to date.

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ACTIVITIES

The organizational activity of your Farm Union movement on the provincial, and national levels has continued throughout the year at a burdensome pace upon Central Office and the Provincial and District Officers.

But once again we regret to report that in many areas of the province there appears to be considerable evidence that individual members have not exercised their full responsibility to the organization. This was particularly noticeable in the lack of member participation at Local meetings.

Local meeting activity can only be reported, as in the past, on the basis of information available at Central Office. However, we do know that many more meetings have been held, which were regular Local meetings not arranged through Central.

During the year there were 378 meetings arranged by Central Office across the province. This is an impressive indication as to the scope of opportunity for farmer discussions. The majority of these meetings were attended by Provincial officers.

Meetings by Districts, based on the former District boundaries:

District 1	22	District 7	24
District 2	37	District 8	44
District 3	36	District 9	25
District 4	41	District 10	33
District 5	54	District 11	18
District 6	15	District 12	27

As in the past, provincial and national activities of the Farmers Union covered a wide field of endeavor, and we will only highlight the year's work:

Participation at the Agricultural Research Conference;

Presentation of our Annual Submissions to the Provincial and Federal governments, and similar meetings with the opposition political groups;

Participation and support of the Brandon Rural Leadership Courses;

Luncheon reception and meeting with the Manitoba Members of Parliament;

Farm Union Women's support to the Voice of Women;

Organization and participation at the mass meeting with the Canadian

Wheat Board in opposition to the Feed Mill issue;

Presentation of a Brief to the Horned Cattle Fund Board;

Participation and assistance in planning for the Program Workshops with the Canadian Citizenship Branch of the Adult Education Department of the University of Manitoba;

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Obtained a representative on the Advisory Committee of the Manitoba Development Authority;

Re-appointment of our representatives on the Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation, the Crop Insurance Board and the Federal Farm Credit Corporation;

Organization and expansion of the Commodity Committee Structure;

Educational program on Marketing Boards and participation on the Interprovincial Committee on Livestock Marketing;

Active participation on the Manitoba Drought Committee and various activities related thereto;

Assisted the fluid milk producers in obtaining an increase in producer milk prices;

Assisted farmers to oppose abandonment of branch rail lines on two occasions;

Supported the opposition to and distributed petitions against nuclear weapons;

Played a major role in the opposition to colored margarine;

Participated on Farm Forum broadcasts;

Presented a brief on Farm Machinery Prices to the Parliamentary Committee at Ottawa;

Activated several of the Provincial Committees towards a greater study of farm problems;

Held eleven Farm Union Rallies which replaced our former Leadership Schools;

Participated at meetings with Federal authorities in support of financial assistance by acreage and drought payments to the drought-stricken farmers;

Presented a brief to the Unemployment Insurance Inquiry Commission;

Farm Women's Week at the University of Manitoba;

National Farm Union Conference in Winnipeg this year with the MFU as host;

Presentation of an interim brief to the Manitoba Legislative Livestock Inquiry Committee;

Feeder cattle lot tours of interested livestock producers sponsored by the MFU Livestock Committee.

Opposed any increase in grain tariff rate increase before the public hearing of the Board of Grain Commissioners;

Obtained a representative on the newly formed Manitoba Transportation Commission;

Played a prominent role in keeping the farm people informed on agricultural problems generally, and on activities of other organized bodies.

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Your Board of Directors are most disappointed in the support that has been received by our Junior President on the Junior Program proposed last year. Because of this lack of participation, it would appear that the junior members throughout the province are either already over-organized through the various other activities, or have just shown complete disinterest in the value of educational activities among the younger people.

Although we fully recognize the importance of our 4-H Clubs which involve many of our Junior members, and the role these Clubs play, we believe, however, that there is a need for an active youth movement in agriculture to fill in the gap after the 4-H age limit, in order that the future farmers of Canada can learn to appreciate the value and need of organization and education in agriculture

FARM UNION SURVEY

A special Survey Form was prepared and circulated to all Farm Union members in order to establish an index as to what types of producers are actually represented within our Farm Union movement.

Your Board of Directors are pleased with the information that has been gained through this survey because it actually indicates that, generally speaking our organization is clearly representative of a wide cross-section of farm people.

On the basis of returns received on our questionnaire, we are able to establish definite percentages, and also to estimate the various other aspects which apply in this survey.

Age group: 25 - 35 years, 15.2%	36 - 45 years, 33.2%
46 - 55 years, 30.4%	56 years and older, 21.2%

Percentage of MFU members who are also members of co-operatives:

Manitoba Pool Elevators 55.2%	United Grain Growers 17.2%
Poultry & Dairy Co-op 31.7%	Canadian Co-op
Consumer Co-ops 50.5%	Implements Ltd. 25.2%
Other co-operatives 38.2%	

Other evidence gained through the survey shows that 83.2% of Farm Union members are entirely dependent upon farming for their livelihood — 10.2% are registered seed growers; 8.5% are purebred breeders.

Livestock

86.14% of our members raised livestock in 1960-61, with an average of 29.6 head per farm. This includes all types of production units from 1 cow up to 1,250 head of cattle. These figures include both beef and dairy cattle.

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Sheep

Our membership included 4.5% of sheep raisers, with an average of 37.3 sheep per farm.

Poultry

50.2% of our membership reported poultry on their farms averaging 165 birds per farm, from a low of 10 birds to a high of 18,000.

Turkeys

7.9% of our membership reported turkeys on their farms, averaging 488 birds per farm, with a low of 2 birds and a high of 22,000.

Farm Holdings

Acreage owned:

Under 160 acres	11.3%	161 - 240 acres	15.2%
241 - 320 acres	26.2%	321 - 640 acres	34.8%
Over 640 acres		12.5%	

In addition to the farm lands owned, 37.4% of our members reported operation of rented land.

In an attempt to establish the amount of grain unsold at the end of the 1959-60 crop year, 32% of the farmers reported stocks of unsold grain averaging 1,686 bushels per farm, with low of 40 bushels and a high of 24,000 bushels.

On the basis of the survey, it is estimated that Farm Union members had stocks of grain unsold at this time, amounting to 4,768,918 bushels.

ADMINISTRATION

The purchase of property and the moving of our Head Office has enhanced the administration of the Farm Union considerably. All of our members who have had an opportunity to visit our new headquarters have given their full approval and expressed satisfaction with our modern facilities.

The demand for more and more services from our Local organizations and members, and the continued increase in activities of the organization, has continued to be a heavy responsibility on your Central Office staff and the Provincial officers. Your Board of Directors wish to take this opportunity to express their appreciation and thanks to our Central Office staff for their sincere and diligent interest and work accomplished. We fully recognize that on many occasions during the year additional staff would have been justified; however, the financial resources of the organization have curtailed further expansion which is seriously required.

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Voice of the Farmer

Through the medium of our monthly publication, we have continued to bring to our members and the public, up-to-date information on Farm Union activities and on the ever-expanding volume of educational material about agriculture in our province and elsewhere.

The Voice of the Farmer is now in its sixth year of publication — set up on a paying basis, with the subscription allocation and advertising realizing sufficient funds to continue its publication.

Pending the final decision to be made on the national level towards the publication of a national paper, we feel that if such a publication is not started in the near future consideration should be given to increasing the size of the Voice of the Farmer from eight pages to twelve or more. It is felt that such action would be warranted, because each month there is sufficient material available for such additional space.

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to our Managing Editor, Miss Olive Edgerton, who has been responsible for providing us with this up-to-date and effective news media through which our members can be kept informed on day-to-day activities of our organization.

Circulation of the Voice of the Farmer has averaged about 13,000 copies each month over the past year. However, it is again felt that this could be increased considerably with a little effort from the members out in the country. We believe it is important that people in other walks of life should be better informed on agricultural matters, and therefore subscriptions to the Voice of the Farmer should be encouraged whenever possible.

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

Under the capable management of Mr. Art Wheeler, who is ably assisted by Mr. Cyril Smith, our Income Tax Service has continued to grow and has had another successful year. Over 1,100 farmers have used the services this year and further expansion is quite in order if the farmers so desire.

We are quite confident that the qualified consultation available on all Income Tax matters through this Department is needed; and furthermore, because it is a service-at-cost, there is no other comparable service available anywhere in the province. This service is fully recognized and sanctioned by the Department of Revenue.

AUTO INSURANCE POOL

The MFU Auto Insurance Pool, underwritten by the Co-operative Fire and Casualty Company, is a typical example of how we can participate in a self-help program to cut operating costs. Unfortunately, farmers across the province have not supported this program to the extent that had been anticipated. We had hoped that within the next few months the MFU Pool would go into actual operation.

We now have slightly more than 3,000 vehicles enrolled in the Pool and the number is increasing daily. To some of us the growth of this program seems slow; however, it must be remembered that when we started, there were no rural agents in Manitoba, and that during the last couple of years our agents had to gain considerable experience to be able to compete with well-established insurance business in the province.

Even though the Auto Pool is in its infancy, it has already been entirely responsible for a general reduction in premiums by all companies in Manitoba. This was specifically noticeable this past year. Because of this reduction, farmers generally have already saved thousands of dollars in insurance premiums during the past two years.

In view of the continued success of the Auto Pool operations in the Province of Alberta, we sincerely hope that all of our officers and members in Manitoba will give this MFU program full publicity and participation in the immediate future.

GRIEVANCES

We have witnessed a continued increase for the services of our grievance department from Locals and individual members across the province. Central Office has continued to service a wide range of complaints and problems. However, because of the time involved, some have raised questions as to whether we can continue to give this service without charge to the members, while others have questioned whether this was a wise service to undertake, since every action taken on grievances does not meet with satisfaction, and thus might create unfavorable comments out in the country. Admittedly, many members have had satisfactory results and have volunteered to contribute cash payments, which were declined because it was felt this was a service to our members.

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As a service to farmers who are fluid milk shippers, and because of the present costly technological changes in the handling and storage of milk in the province, your Provincial Dairy Committee, under the chairmanship of P. E. Penner — after a lengthy study on how we could assist the milk producers in savings on costly equipment — proposed a program of bulk milk tank purchases directly from the manufacturer to the producer.

Because the MFU charter sanctions such activity, your Board of Directors, after studying the proposal in detail, instructed the Dairy Committee to proceed with the program on the basis of a service-at-cost to the milk producers with guaranteed warranty service on equipment installed.

This program was reviewed with the Dairy Commissioner's office and is being continued by our Dairy Committee. It has already realized extensive savings on all makes of tanks installed, because we were in a position to provide producers with the best quality equipment at considerably reduced prices, which automatically forced other suppliers to become competitive with our program.

ADULT EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Your organization has, as in the past, continued a generous program of adult education and leadership training through the various pamphlets, reports, speakers, films, and leadership courses sponsored either by the organization or jointly with other groups.

In addition, we have started a comprehensive reference Study and Discussion Program for the coming year to assist our Local organizations to promote a greater interest participation and understanding of Farm Union activities among the general membership. It is hoped that this action will prove an antidote to the common complaint of Local meetings not being interesting enough, and provide an opportunity for the general membership to thoroughly digest and understand important policy issues so that they can formulate opinions and take a uniformly intelligent stand on these issues at the proper time.

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FINANCES

As in the past, membership revenue continues to be the main source of finance in the organization. We are pleased to note that membership income has shown an increase during the year. However, if we review our financial statement closely, it clearly indicates that membership revenue alone is not sufficient to maintain the operations of the organization.

Once again, the Educational and Organizational Fund has assisted materially in keeping our financial position solvent.

Noticeably, this year there is a considerable reduction in another source of revenue — namely, grants from other organizations. Our grant from the Manitoba Pool Elevators was reduced to \$5,000 and has been discontinued completely for the coming year. The grant from the United Grain Growers of \$2,000 has been continued, while other grants of smaller denominations have practically disappeared.

Your Board of Directors wish to extend their appreciation to those organizations who have contributed during the past year.

Revenue from the Voice of the Farmer and the Income Tax Department have shown an increase during the year, establishing these Departments on a sound financial structure.

The purchase of our property and new headquarters has made it necessary to obtain a substantial bank loan to meet this purchase, and naturally because of this aspect, our financial statement indicates a considerable liability as of October 31st. In view of the fact that this commitment is a three-year objective, we sincerely hope that sufficient support towards the Building Fund program will be forthcoming from our members to meet our commitment before the designated time. The purchase of our property was made possible through the support of five members in the organization who signed Indemnification Undertakings as a guarantee to the bank that the commitment will be met. Your Board of Directors wish to express their gratitude to these members for their trust and optimistic foresight, and sincerely hope that the general membership of the Farmers Union will do everything in their power to meet our obligation to these members at the earliest possible opportunity.

A considerable amount of money had to be taken out of the general revenue and the savings account in order to meet the purchase price of our property. These monies will also have to be replaced before the property purchase program is completed. The total amount required to complete our commitment is approximately \$43,000.00.

Contributions to our Building Fund account were most promising when we first took possession of our new headquarters, and the total amount received to October 31st, is \$18,153.50, consisting of \$4,468.29 from individual members' donations and contributions from Local organizations,

totalling \$10,990.03. A substantial amount was received this year from District organizations, especially from those which were disbanded — District 6, \$99.50; District 11, \$103.65; and District 12, \$675.68. Total amount in the fund from Districts and others was \$2,695.18.

We wish to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to the officers of these Districts for the kind contributions to this worthy cause.

For further detailed information on revenue and expenditures and other exhibits appended to our financial statement, please refer to the auditor's report appearing elsewhere in this publication.

CONCLUSION

We have given you this report as a brief resume of MFU progress and activities during the past year, and feel that our organization has served the Farm Union members to the best of its ability. Expansion of services and activities of your occupational farm organization is possible, but your Board of Directors respectfully submit that such expansion can come about only if and when the individual farmer's financial and moral support warrants such action. It is our considered opinion that we still have too many farmers who have failed to contribute any support to carry their fair share of the benefits incurred through the organized effort of our Farm Union movement.

Concluding, we wish to extend to our officers, members and friends, the Compliments of the Season, and Best Wishes for the Coming Year.

To the delegate body gathered at this, our Eleventh Annual Convention, our sincere wishes for successful and fruitful deliberations for the future.

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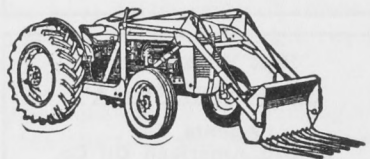
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Through perseverance, backed by the Farm Union's firm conviction that this Department could render a real service to its members, and a keen desire by the staff to do at all times its very best for the customers, the Department took root — and grew and grew.

As figures for the past fiscal period will show, the volume of business done was the greatest in the Department's history.

We do not know of a similar organization in Canada, comparable to the one set up by the Manitoba Farmers Union.

Thousands of dollars have been saved for its members. They have received information and guidance. The MFU Department has acted as a buffer between the Federal Income Tax Office and the taxpayer.

We invite YOU to bring your income tax affairs to the Manitoba Farmers Union Income Tax Department, located at 724 Ellice Avenue, Winnipeg 10. Telephone SP 4-3596.

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To the Members,
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Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the instructions, we have made an examination of the books and accounts of the Manitoba Farmers' Union for the year ended October 31st, 1961 and now submit the following Exhibits and Schedule.

	Exhibit
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at October 31st, 1961.	"A"
Statement of Net Worth for the Year ended October 31st, 1961.	"B"
Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ended October 31st, 1961.	"C"
Schedule of Fixed Assets and Accumulated Depreciation for the Year ended October 31st, 1961.	"D"
	Schedule
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Year ended October 31st, 1961.	"1"

On May 14th, 1961 your Union purchased property commonly known as 724 Ellice Avenue, in the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba. The property consists of land having a frontage of approximately one hundred feet and a depth of approximately fifty feet, and a recently erected frame building approximately sixty feet by thirty feet. The Purchase Price of \$39,000.00 was financed by \$19,000.00 of the Union's own funds and a \$20,000.00 loan obtained from The Bank of Nova Scotia. The Purchase Price is reflected in the accounts at \$15,210.00 for the land and \$23,790.00 for the building to which has been added the cost of renovations of \$2,135.00 so that the total cost of the building is shown at \$25,925.00. The central office of The Union moved into these premises on or about June 1st, 1961. We have examined the certificate of title to the property, which is in the name of Manitoba Farmers' Union.

Due to the fact that The Union had liabilities at this year end in connection with the purchase of the property, which did not exist at prior year ends, it was felt that The Exhibits which are appended hereto and described above are necessary in addition to the regular Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We have to report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and, in our opinion, the appended Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at October 31st, 1961 properly sets forth the financial position of The Union at that date and we further have to report that the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements also appended properly sets forth the cash transactions for the year ended on that date, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of The Union.

Yours truly,
Robison, Green & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

MANITOBA FARMERS' UNION
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
as at October 31st, 1961

ASSETS**Current Assets**

Petty Cash Fund		\$ 150.00
Cash in Bank		
Current Account	\$ 2,256.98	
Savings Account - Building Fund	<u>1,653.50</u>	3,910.48
Loans to Locals and Districts		545.99
Inventory of Stationery and Advertising		
Material (Estimated Value)		<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>7,106.47</u>

Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	
Land	\$15,210.00		\$15,210.00	
Building	25,925.00	\$ 648.13	25,276.87	
Automobiles	4,125.85	1,103.17	3,022.68	
Furniture and Fixtures	12,931.06	4,983.66	7,947.40	
Sign	840.00	42.00	798.00	
	<u>\$59,031.91</u>	<u>\$ 6,776.96</u>	<u>\$52,254.95</u>	52,254.95
Total				<u>\$59,361.42</u>

LIABILITIES**Current Liabilities**

Bank Loan	\$17,250.00
Accounts Payable - Trade	3,255.00
District Fees Payable	113.50
Associated Country Women of the World	7.95
Manitoba Health Services	400.66
Manitoba Hospital Services Plan	<u>15.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	21,042.11
Net Worth	<u>38,319.31</u>
Total	<u>\$59,361.42</u>

STATEMENT OF NET WORTH
for the Year ended October 31st, 1961

Amount at October 31st, 1960	\$30,122.54
Add:	
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	<u>8,196.77</u>
Amount at October 31st, 1961	<u>\$38,319.31</u>

MANITOBA FARMERS' UNION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
for the Year ended October 31st, 1961.

REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$45,343.97	
Registration Fees	1,340.00	
Organization Grants	7,125.67	
Bank Interest on Savings Account ...	84.91	
"Voice of the Farmer"		
Subscriptions	\$ 9,202.75	
Advertising	4,386.56	13,589.31
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Sale of Stationery	230.85	
Sale of Buttons	21.75	
Sale of Ties	30.00	
Convention Programme Advertising	1,601.40	
Income Tax Service Fees	13,286.75	
National Farmers Union		
Action Fund	559.87	
Miscellaneous Income	902.47	
Building Fund - Bank Interest	70.10	
- Certificates	12,501.88	12,571.98
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Educational and Organizational		
Fund	17,479.00	
Farm Women's Week	228.20	\$114,396.13
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EXPENDITURES

Provincial Officers		
Salaries and Allowances	12,407.48	
Mileage and Other	381.85	12,789.33
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Central Office Salaries	18,681.65	
Casual Help	59.60	
Income Tax Services		
Salaries	7,415.27	
Administration	1,120.00	
Other	1,718.38	10,253.65
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Directors Organization Expense	5,041.52	
Women's Directors Expense	1,705.71	
Board of Directors Meeting Expense	2,811.18	
Other Organizing Expense	1,332.85	
Hall Rents	227.30	
Convention Expense	6,207.79	
Delegation Expense	936.50	
Farm Women's Week	260.05	
Educational and Organizational Fund		
Prizes and District Rebates	7,038.63	
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Forward	\$67,345.76	\$114,396.13
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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

for the Year ended October 31st, 1961

Forward	\$67,345.76	\$114,396.13
Expenditure - continued		
Printing and Stationery	4,171.99	
Office Rental	2,544.00	
Office Repairs and Supplies	1,804.60	
Legal and Audit	979.00	
Postage	2,026.63	
Telephone and Telegraph	1,655.13	
Advertising	3,172.52	
Unemployment Insurance	380.52	
National Farm Union	2,647.00	
Union Buttons	1,452.50	
Public Relations	260.54	
Bank Charges	131.49	
Interest on Bank Loan	537.30	
Car Expenses	1,224.07	
"Voice of the Farmer"		
Administration	\$ 3,000.00	
Printing and Postage	5,382.20	
Miscellaneous	946.13	9,328.33
Affiliate Memberships	205.00	
National Farm Union Week	822.23	
Leadership Course	212.00	
Provincial Committees —		
Travelling Allowances	1,093.62	
Property Maintenance	663.62	
Miscellaneous Expenses	184.49	
Insurance	172.50	
Realty Taxes	514.86	
Depreciation	2,161.85	
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	507.81	\$106,199.36
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure		\$ 8,196.77

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MANITOBA FARMERS' UNION
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AND
AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION
for the Year ended March 31st, 1961.

ASSETS				
	Balance Oct. 31st, 1960	Additions	Deductions	Balance Oct. 31st, 1961
Land	\$	15,210.00		15,210.00
Building		25,925.00		25,925.00
Automobiles	4,433.15	2,635.85	2,943.15	4,125.85
Furniture and Fixtures	12,090.65	1,204.91	364.50	12,931.06
Sign		840.00		840.00
Totals	\$16,523.80	45,815.76	3,307.65	59,031.91

ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
	Balance Oct. 31st, 1960	Additions	Deductions	Balance Book Val. Oct. 31st, Oct. 31st, 1961 1961
Land				15,210.00
Building		648.13		25,276.87
Automobiles	1,455.26	825.17	1,177.26	3,022.68
Furniture and Fixtures	4,464.69	646.55	127.58	7,947.40
Sign		42.00		798.00
Totals	5,919.95	2,161.85	1,304.84	52,254.95

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MANITOBA FARMERS' UNION

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended October 31st, 1961

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues		\$45,343.97	
District Fees		2,383.00	
Miscellaneous Income		902.47	
Organization Grants —			
Manitoba Pool Elevators	\$ 5,000.00		
United Grain Growers	2,000.00		
Other	125.67	7,125.67	
National Farm Union			
Action Fund		559.87	
"Voice of the Farmer"			
Subscriptions	9,202.75		
Advertising	4,386.56	13,589.31	
Convention Program Advertising		1,601.40	
Educational and Organization Fund ..		17,479.00	
Registration Fees		1,340.00	
Income Tax Service Fees		13,286.75	
Manitoba Hospital Services Plan —			
Advance Premium		252.40	
Manitoba Medical Service —			
Advance Premium		2,699.79	
Building Fund - Bank Interest	70.10		
Building Fund - Certificates	12,501.88	12,571.98	
Sale of Stationery	230.85		
Union Buttons	21.75		
Ties	30.00	282.60	
Bank Loan		20,000.00	
Associated Country Women of			
the World		7.95	
Repayment of Advances to Locals			
and Districts		202.40	
Bank Interest on Savings Account		84.91	
Farm Women's Week		228.20	139,941.67

DISBURSEMENTS

Furniture and Fixtures	1,054.91		
Automobile	1,290.85		
Land and Building	39,235.00		
Sign	90.00		
District Fees	2,269.50		
Associated Country Women of			
the World	11.25		
Manitoba Health Services	2,430.00		
Manitoba Hospital Services Plan	252.00		
Educational and Organizational Fund			
Prizes and District Rebates	7,038.63		
Forward	\$ 53,672.14	\$139,941.67	

Schedule "1"
(continued)

MANITOBA FARMERS' UNION

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended October 31st, 1961

Forward		\$53,672.14	\$139,941.67
Disbursements — Continued			
Farm Women's Week		260.05	
Provincial Officers			
Salaries and Allowances	\$12,407.48		
Mileage and Other	381.85	12,789.33	
Directors Organization Expense		5,041.52	
Women's Directors' Organization Expense		1,705.71	
Other Organizing Expense		1,332.85	
Central Office Salaries		18,681.65	
Casual Help		59.60	
Income Tax Services			
Salaries	7,415.27		
Administration	1,120.00		
Other Expenses	1,718.38	10,253.65	
Hall Rentals		227.30	
Convention Expense		6,207.79	
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Printing and Stationery		4,171.99	
Office Rental		2,339.00	
Office Repairs and Supplies		1,304.60	
Legal and Audit		579.00	
Postage		2,026.63	
Telephone and Telegraph		1,655.13	
Advertising		3,172.52	
Unemployment Insurance		380.52	
National Farm Union		2,647.00	
Union Buttons		1,452.50	
Public Relations		260.54	
Bank Charges		131.49	
Car Expense		1,224.07	
"Voice of the Farmer"			
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Miscellaneous	946.13	9,328.33	
Affiliate Memberships		205.00	
National Farm Union Week		822.23	
Leadership Course		212.00	
Provincial Committees —			
Travelling Allowances		1,093.62	
Board of Directors Meeting Expense		2,811.18	
Property Maintenance		663.62	
Forward		\$147,649.06	\$139,941.67

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MANITOBA FARMERS' UNION
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
for the Year ended October 31st, 1961

Forward	\$147,649.06	\$139,941.67
Disbursements—Continued		
Insurance	172.50	
Realty Taxes	514.86	
Miscellaneous Expense	170.49	
Payment on Bank Loan	2,750.00	
Payment of Interest on Bank Loan	537.30	151,794.21
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts		(11,852.54)
Cash on Hand and in Bank, October 31st, 1960		15,913.02
Cash on Hand and in Bank, October 31st, 1961		\$ 4,060.48
Petty Cash Fund	150.00	
Cash in Bank of Nova Scotia — Current	2,256.98	
Building Fund Account	1,653.50	\$ 4,060.48

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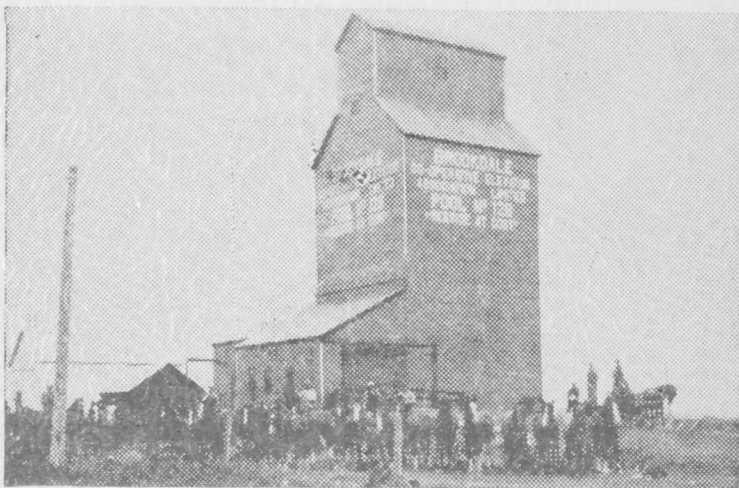


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